

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 890

Introduced by Assembly Member Cedillo

February 22, 2001

An act to add Section 14007.10 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 890, as introduced, Cedillo. Medi-Cal eligibility: breast and cervical cancer.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services, pursuant to which medical benefits are provided to public assistance recipients and certain other low-income persons.

This bill would expand Medi-Cal eligibility to include women who are at or below 250% of the federal poverty level and who have been diagnosed with breast cancer or cervical cancer.

Because each county is required to administer Medi-Cal eligibility determinations, by expanding Medi-Cal eligibility, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,

reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 14007.10 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:
3 14007.10. The State Department of Health Services shall
4 expand Medi-Cal eligibility to include women who are at or below
5 250 percent of the federal poverty level who have been diagnosed
6 with breast cancer or cervical cancer.
7 SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government
8 Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this
9 act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local
10 agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant
11 to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title
12 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the claim for
13 reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000),
14 reimbursement shall be made from the State Mandates Claims
15 Fund.

